



Interoffice Memorandum

November 16, 2023

To: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Y24-2010, Provision of Community Services and
Facility Use

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Contract Y24-2010, Provision of Community Services and Facility Use, with Easter Seals Florida, Inc., in the total contract award amount of \$300,000 for a three-year term.

PURPOSE:

This contract will provide funds for innovation programming for youth in District 1. The agency will deliver an empowerment for neurodivergent families program designed to strengthen relationships and enhance coping, mental health, and well-being for neurotypical siblings of those diagnosed with a neurodivergent condition. The performance period is January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in account number 0001-062-2556-8610.

APPROVALS:

The Citizens' Review Panel for Human Services (CRP) recommended Easter Seals Florida, Inc. to receive CRP funding to provide these services. The Citizens' Commission for Children Division concurs with the funding recommendation. Easter Seals Florida, Inc. has previously received funding from the Citizens' Commission for Children Division.

REMARKS:

In accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Part 1, Chapter 17, Article III, Section 17-286 – Application and Exclusions, agreements between the Board and nonprofit organizations are excluded from competitive procurement requirements.

Meeting the complex needs of a neurodivergent child can put families under a great deal of stress with studies reporting much higher levels of depression, anxiety, and mental-health related issues for the entire family. Siblings and families will be empowered with strategies to use in their daily lives to improve their mental well-being and learn how to grow stronger as a family unit.

The agency anticipates serving an estimated minimum of 50 unduplicated participants per year. The majority of clients served will be residents of Commission District 1; however, due to the unique design of the innovation program category of funding, other Orange County residents in need of the offered services may participate.